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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence is being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Box Sequence, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on March 21, 2002.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed December 21, 2001, said period of response being extended from January 21, 2002 to March 21, 2002.

Our check in the amount of \$400.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

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Respectfully submitted,

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